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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/527,244

Applicant(s)

SCHIEFERSTEIN ET AL.

Examiner

Amina Khan

Art Unit

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 14-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☒ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 03/09/2005.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Oath/Declaration

1. The oath submitted to the office is not in English. The applicant is requested to submit an English version of the oath.

Specification

2. This application does not contain an abstract of the disclosure as required by 37 CFR 1.72(b). An abstract on a separate sheet is required. The applicant amended the abstract of the disclosure in a preliminary amendment dated 03/09/2005. The office never received the amended abstract. Page 10 of the preliminary amendment is missing. The examiner believes that the amended abstract could have been on page 10 of the preliminary amendment. The applicant is requested to submit a new amended abstract.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claim language "The aqueous dispersion as claimed in claim 14, wherein, at least 70% by weight of the constituent units in the copolymer a) is provided by" is incomplete rendering the claim indefinite. The applicant is requested to clarify provided by what. Appropriate correction of the claim language is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claim 14-19 and 21-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Maekawa et al. (EP 1,146,103 A1).

The prior art of Maekawa et al. teaches water and oil repellant aqueous dispersions (page 1, abstract) comprising fluoropolymers of formula 1 (page 4, paragraphs 0017-0045), polymerizable monomers of alkyl(meth)acrylates having C₁₋₂₀ alkyl groups (page 4, paragraph 0023), for example methyl methacrylate, octadecyl methacrylate, and 2-ethylhexylmethacrylate (page 5, paragraph 0024), nonionic surfactants such as fatty acid esters of polyethylene glycol (page 8, paragraph 0060), and aqueous solvents such as propylene glycol (page 9, paragraph 0071-0076). Maekawa further teaches that the polymers comprise 20-99% fluoropolymers of formula 1 and 1-50% of the polymerizable monomers of alkyl(meth)acrylates having C₁₋₂₀ alkyl groups (page 5, paragraph 0034). Maekawa further teaches that surfactants comprise 1-10% based on the weight of the polymer (page 9, paragraph 0069), the solvent comprises 2-50% based on the weight of the polymer (page 9, paragraph 0076), and the aqueous medium is 1 to 5 times the mass of the polymer (page 9, paragraph 0076).

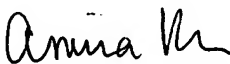
Maekawa further teaches the treatment of textiles made of natural or synthetic fibers with the aqueous dispersion (page 10, paragraphs 0084-0085).


Accordingly, the teachings of Maekawa et al. anticipate the limitations of the instant claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amina Khan whose telephone number is (571) 272-5573. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on (571) 272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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